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United States for the calendar year previous to the date of review by 36 which provides a factor of pounds of milk per member, and then dividing the total pounds of milk for each region by such factor.

(e) In determining the volume of milk produced in the United States, the Board and the Secretary shall utilize the information received by the Board pursuant to §1150.171 and data published by the Department.

[49 FR 11816, Mar. 28, 1984, as amended at 54 FR 6264, Feb. 9, 1989; 59 FR 13435, Mar. 22, 1994; 63 FR 57895, Oct. 29, 1998; 68 FR 52336, Sept. 3, 2003]

§1150.132 Term of office.

- (a) The members of the Board shall serve for terms of three years, except that the members appointed to the initial Board shall serve proportionately, for terms of one, two and three years.
- (b) Each member of the Board shall serve until October 31 of the year in which his/her term expires, except that a retiring member may serve until a successor is appointed.
- (c) No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms.

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§1150.133 Nominations.

Nominations for members of the Board shall be made in the following manner:

- (a) Upon effectuation of this provision, the Secretary shall solicit nominations for the initial Board from all eligible organizations. If the Secretary determines that a substantial number of producers are not members of, or their interests are not represented by, such eligible organizations, the Secretary shall also solicit nominations from such producers through general farmer organizations or by other means.
- (b) After the appointment of the initial Board, the Secretary shall announce at least 120 days in advance when a Board member's term is expiring and shall solicit nominations for that position in the manner described in paragraph (a) of this section. Nominations for such position should be submitted to the Secretary not less than

60 days prior to the expiration of such term.

- (c) An eligible organization may submit nominations only for positions on the Board that represent regions in which such eligible organization can establish that it represents a substantial number of producers. If there is more than one Board position for any such region, the organization may submit nominations for each position.
- (d) Where there is more than one eligible organization representing producers in a specific region, they may caucus and jointly nominate producers for each position representing that region on the Board for which a member is to be appointed. If joint agreement is not reached with respect to any such nominations, or if no caucus is held, each eligible organization may submit to the Secretary nominations for each appointment to be made to represent that region.

§ 1150.134 Nominee's agreement to serve.

Any producer nominated to serve on the Board shall file with the Secretary at the time of the nomination a written agreement to:

- (a) Serve on the Board if appointed;
- (b) Disclose any relationship with any organization that operates a qualified State or regional program or has a contractual relationship with the Board; and
- (c) Withdraw from participation in deliberations, decision-making, or voting on matters where paragraph (b) applies.

§1150.135 Appointment.

From the nominations made pursuant to §1150.133, the Secretary shall appoint the members of the Board on the basis of representation provided for in §1150.131(a).

§1150.136 Vacancies.

To fill any vacancy occasioned by the death, removal, resignation, or disqualification of any member of the Board, the Secretary shall appoint a successor from the most recent list of nominations for the position or from nominations made by the Board.